

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Farmer, et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/509,159 EXAMINER: Vera Afremova  
FILING DATE: May 28, 2003 ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: TOPICAL USE OF PROBIOTIC BACILLUS SPORES TO PREVENT OR  
CONTROL MICROBIAL INFECTIONS

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (8 pgs.); and
2. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 19374-501 NATL. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

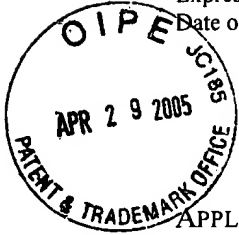
Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 31, 2005 in the above-referenced application. With no extension of time, these documents are due no later than May 2, 2005 (April 30th being a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-501 NATL.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.